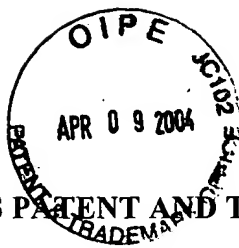


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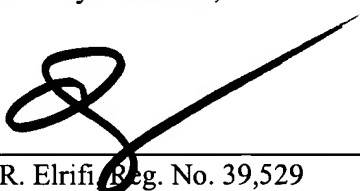
This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

1. Amendment and Response to October 9, 2004 Final Office Action (9 pages);
2. Check No. 18435 in the amount of \$385.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) to cover fee for filing an Request for Continuing Examination; and
3. Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 35 USC §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/687,276. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request; 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is a response to a final Office Action mailed October 9, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed March 24, 2004. With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicants believe that the amendments should be entered and considered.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-585A.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed March 24, 2004, and the Final Office Action mailed October 9, 2003. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that the amendments in the response to the Final Office Action, filed on March 9, 2004, were not entered. Applicants reiterate those amendments and remarks in this response. This response is due on or before May 9, 2004, because Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on March 9, 2004. No extension fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-585A (Cura-85A).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.